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Reporting for the week ending November 8, 2009.

General

Clear skies were a welcome site last week after eight consecutive weeks of rain was reported by all 36 weather stations. This was the first week of the 2009 *Arkansas Crop Progress and Conditions* report that all 36 weather stations reported zero precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 47 percent adequate and 53 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 48 percent adequate and 52 percent surplus. Farmers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Most weather stations reported below normal temperatures last week as several cool fronts moved through the state. Lows ranged from 31 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 47 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 72 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport to 83 degrees Fahrenheit at Harrison.

Crops

Harvesting activities were in full swing last week as farmers were able to return to their fields. Flooded fields were still an issue in some parts of the state due to weeks of heavy rain. Corn producers harvested 4 percent of their crop to reach 97 percent by week’s end, 3 percent behind last year and the five-year average. Cotton opening bolls, at 99 percent, was 4 weeks behind last year and the five-year average. Cotton producers harvested 46 percent of the crop by week’s end, 50 percent behind last year and 44 percent behind the five-year average. Rice producers harvested an additional 10 percent of the crop last week to reach 94 percent, 5 percent behind last year and the five-year average. Sorghum harvested increased 2 percent to reach 100 percent by week’s end. Soybeans shedding increased 3 percent to reach 99 percent. Soybeans reaching maturity was 96 percent last week, 1 percent behind 2008 and 3 percent behind the five-year average. Soybean farmers harvested an additional 23 percent of their crop to reach 66 percent, 20 percent behind both 2008 and the five-year average. Winter wheat planting increased 7 percent last week to reach 32 percent, 40 percent behind last year and 36 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged, at 22 percent, was 29 percent behind 2008 and 27 percent behind the five-year average.

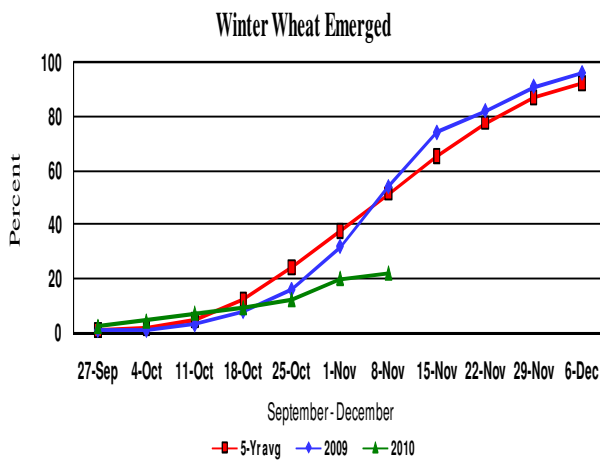
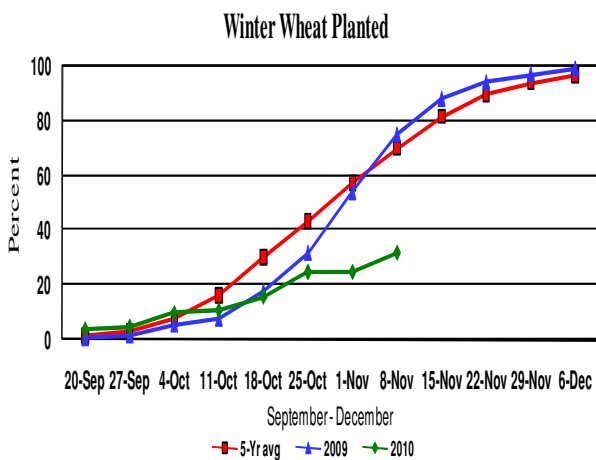
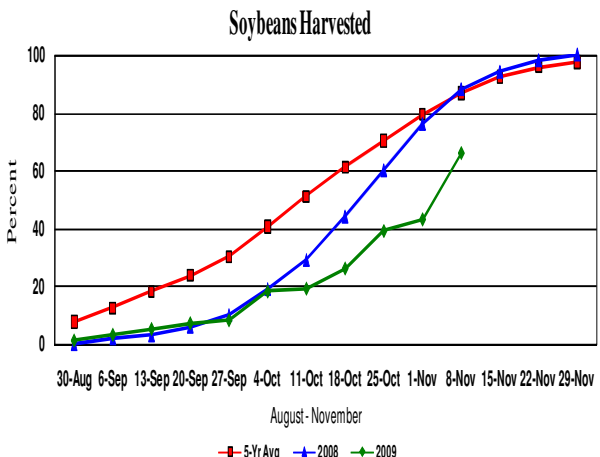
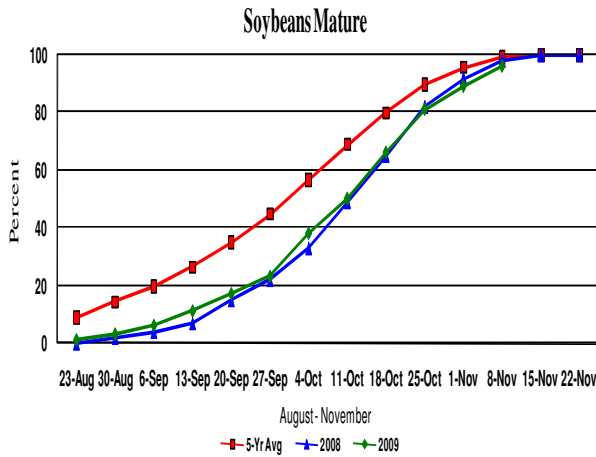
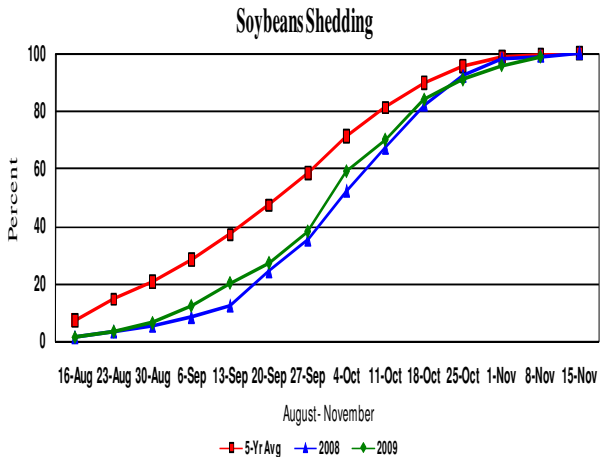
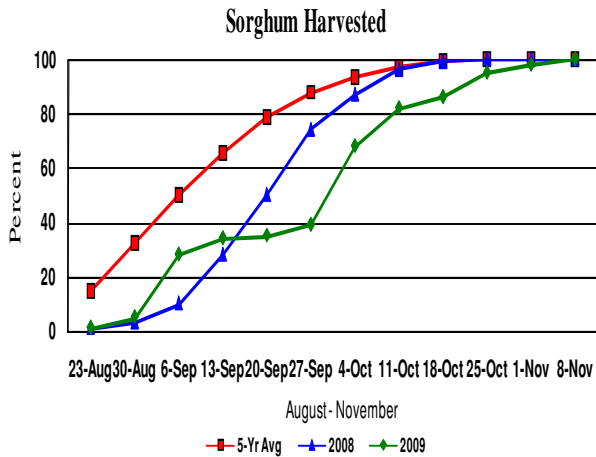
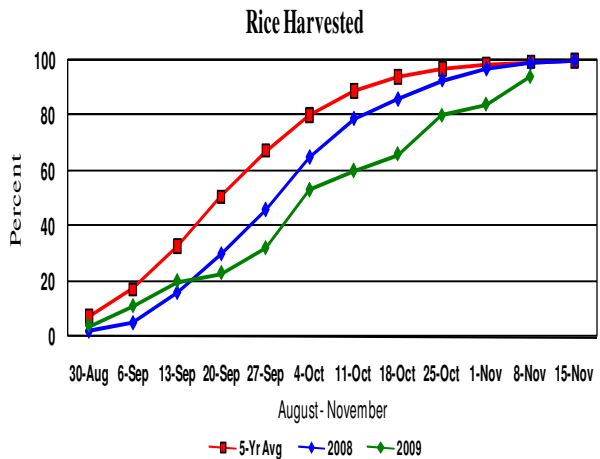
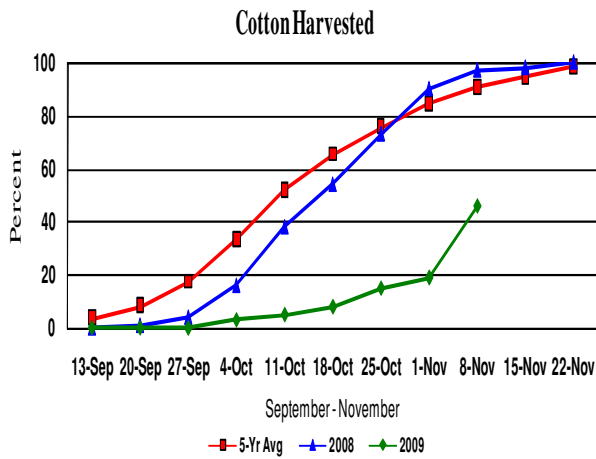
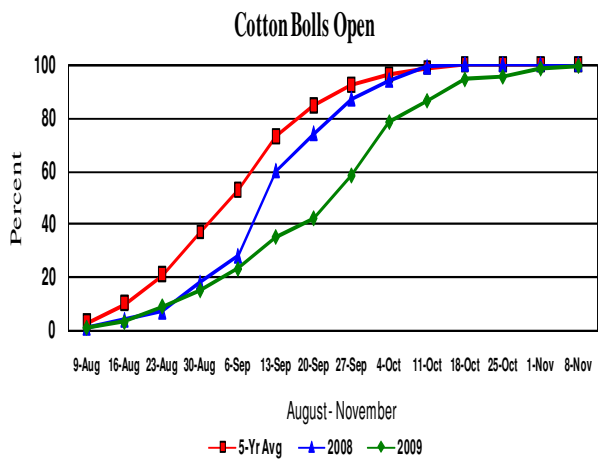
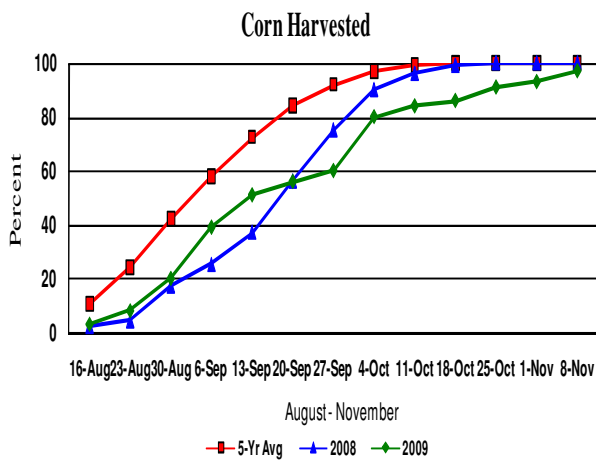
Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition last week. Some ranchers repaired fencing after recent flood damage.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2008	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	97	93	100	100
Cotton	Opening Bolls	99	98	100	100
	Harvested	46	19	96	90
Rice	Harvested	94	84	99	99
Sorghum	Harvested	100	98	100	100
Soybeans	Shedding	99	96	99	99
	Mature	96	89	97	99
	Harvested	66	43	86	86
Winter Wheat	Planted	32	25	72	68
	Emerged	22	20	51	49

Condition in Percentages ^{1/}					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	22	20	27	22	9
Soybeans	20	21	29	23	7
Winter Wheat	9	27	50	14	0

^{1/} Conditions reflect crops still to be harvested.



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending November 8									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Nov 8	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2009	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	76	33	-1	0.00	3.35	3.54	50.06	37.74
	Harrison	83	38	0	0.00	5.90	3.54	55.69	36.19
N. Central	Calico Rock	81	32	-3	0.00	10.08	3.57	51.47	36.85
	Gilbert	81	31	-4	0.00	5.36	3.53	53.82	35.51
	Greers Ferry	75	40	-3	0.00	10.11	4.29	58.51	40.56
	Mtn. Home	81	38	-2	0.00	6.66	3.29	57.28	35.92
Northeast	Batesville	76	37	-5	0.00	10.38	4.05	58.99	37.98
	Blytheville	74	39	-6	0.00	5.87	3.54	44.29	40.52
	Jonesboro	74	40	-5	0.00	8.48	3.94	61.90	36.87
	Keiser	75	40	-5	0.00	6.25	3.37	50.75	39.85
	Newport	72	44	-5	0.00	9.69	3.83	70.10	38.59
W. Central	Booneville	77	41	-5	0.00	9.83	3.80	62.41	38.26
	Clarksville	77	44	-2	0.00	7.32	3.98	55.17	37.42
	Dardanelle	77	37	-6	0.00	6.36	4.21	49.16	38.75
	Ft. Smith	77	46	-3	0.00	4.83	3.87	52.45	35.39
	Mena	75	40	-4	0.00	7.63	5.20	67.47	47.39
	Ozark	77	43	-3	0.00	6.41	3.87	55.14	36.15
Central	Conway	76	39	-6	0.00	10.08	4.01	68.78	38.75
	Hot Springs	73	41	-5	0.00	8.82	5.15	68.71	46.14
	Little Rock	78	43	-4	0.00	11.19	4.31	65.39	40.58
	Morrilton	76	39	-5	0.00	10.40	4.45	64.03	38.22
	N. Little Rock	75	47	-4	0.00	11.11	4.02	63.53	38.85
E. Central	Brinkley	74	42	-4	0.00	7.20	3.60	58.56	39.41
	Marianna	74	42	-4	0.00	8.48	3.86	58.06	42.10
	Stuttgart	76	43	-6	0.00	10.93	3.87	63.55	38.89
	West Memphis	76	42	-4	0.00	7.76	3.66	54.35	41.72
Southwest	DeQueen	75	44	-5	0.00	3.89	4.89	50.74	44.18
	Hope	75	45	-4	0.00	12.43	4.55	73.39	43.57
	Texarkana	75	46	-6	0.00	9.68	3.92	64.01	37.44
S. Central	Camden	76	46	-4	0.00	14.93	4.29	70.73	42.85
	El Dorado	76	43	-6	0.00	12.48	4.19	60.31	44.28
	Warren	73	43	-7	0.00	14.41	4.34	72.84	45.05
Southeast	Eudora	78	44	-6	0.00	6.24	4.04	62.57	45.54
	Monticello	75	43	-5	0.00	15.22	4.29	63.55	44.96
	Pine Bluff	75	44	-6	0.00	9.71	4.27	62.46	42.07
	Rohwer	75	44	-6	0.00	10.02	3.61	54.37	41.18

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$ year average

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